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PREVIOUSLY IN SPAWN

Jim's unexplainable act of heroism goes viral worldwide, and he flees to the only place that makes sense to him – the alleys. The Old Guard finds him at the throne, and a battle erupts.

Back at Marc's apartment, Marc and Susan field calls from various media outlets looking to book Jim. However, the duo becomes increasingly worried since both he and Sara seem to have disappeared.

In an obscure part of Mexico, Malebolgia, dressed as a cleaned up Freak, collects another piece from a willing participant.

While Malebolgia's plan picks up speed, Clown and Bludd conspire over their strategy to take over the Spawn costume. And the Old Guard reveals why they're a feared entity.

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FIGHT!

**GOD
DAMN YOU!**
WHY WON'T YOU
FIGHT?!



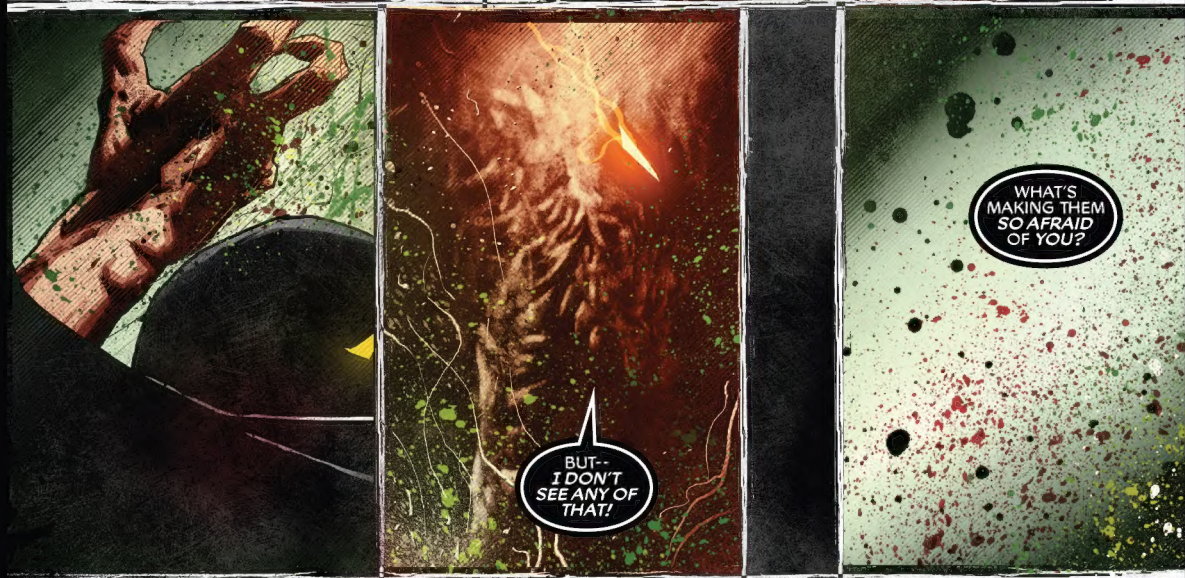
YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE SO SPECIAL!



THAT YOUR POWERS WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN DESTROYING OUR ENEMIES!

THAT'S WHY THEY SENT US! THEY WANTED US TO SEE IT FOR OURSELVES!

THEY SAID THAT-- SOMEHOW-- YOU'RE CAPABLE OF TIPPING THE SCALES OF THIS WAR!



WHAT'S MAKING THEM SO AFRAID OF YOU?

BUT-- I DON'T SEE ANY OF THAT!



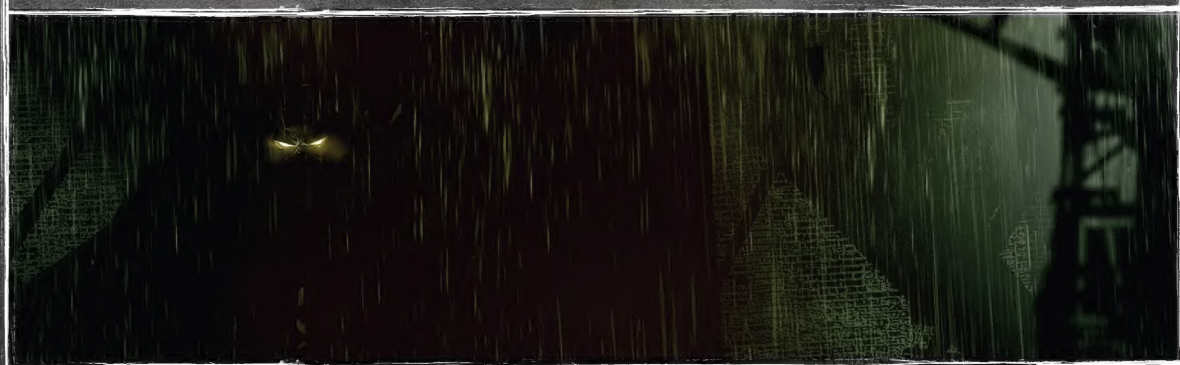


THAT'S WHAT
THEY'RE AFRAID OF.
I DO THINGS
THEY CAN'T.

SO--
YOU WANT
A PIECE OF
ME...



I'M
RIGHT
HERE.



HE'S
GONE!

NO,
HE ISN'T.

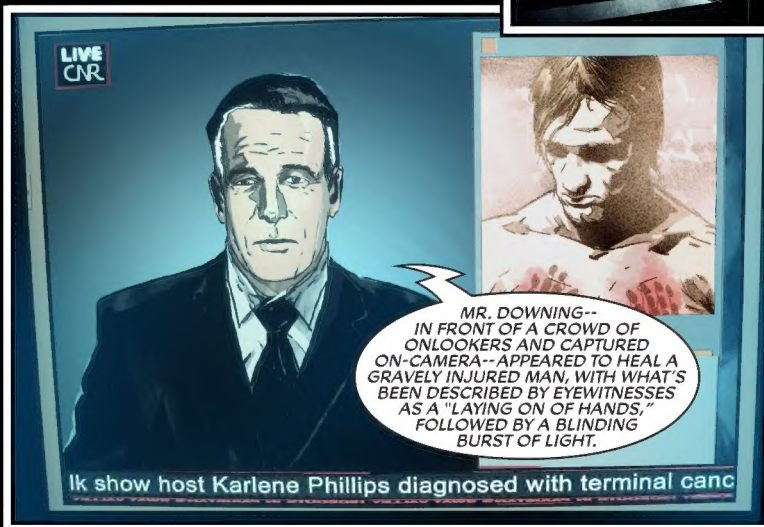


...AS LOCAL
AUTHORITIES
CONTINUE THEIR
CITY WIDE
MANHUNT.



THE SEARCH
FOR MR. DOWNING,
STARTED EARLIER
THIS EVENING--

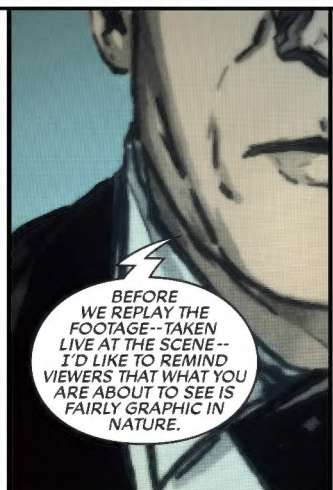
--FOLLOWING
A MIRACULOUS
ACT PERFORMED
RIGHT HERE ON THE
STREETS OF NEW
YORK CITY.



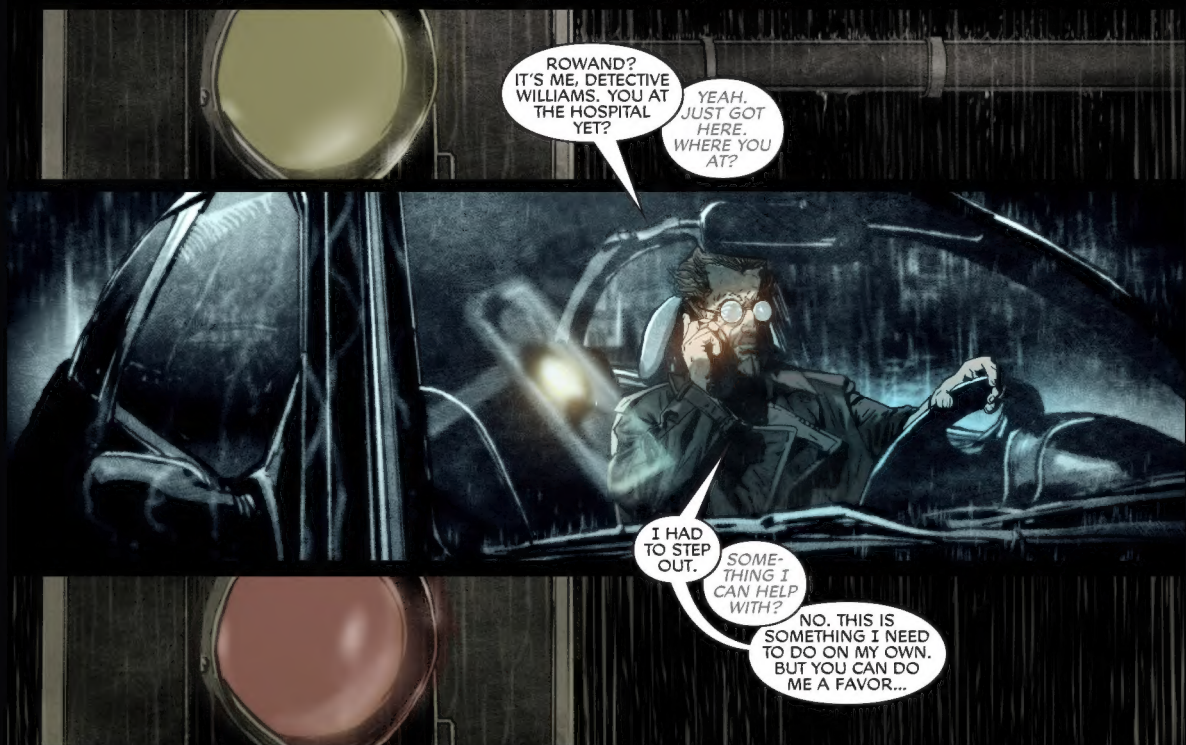
LIVE
CNR

MR. DOWNING--
IN FRONT OF A CROWD OF
ONLOOKERS AND CAPTURED
ON-CAMERA--APPEARED TO HEAL A
GRAVELY INJURED MAN, WITH WHAT'S
BEEN DESCRIBED BY EYEWITNESSES
AS A "LAYING ON OF HANDS,"
FOLLOWED BY A BLINDING
BURST OF LIGHT.

Ik show host Karlene Phillips diagnosed with terminal cance



BEFORE
WE REPLAY THE
FOOTAGE--TAKEN
LIVE AT THE SCENE--
I'D LIKE TO REMIND
VIEWERS THAT WHAT YOU
ARE ABOUT TO SEE IS
FAIRLY GRAPHIC IN
NATURE.



ROWAND?
IT'S ME, DETECTIVE
WILLIAMS. YOU AT
THE HOSPITAL
YET?

YEAH.
JUST GOT
HERE.
WHERE YOU
AT?

I HAD
TO STEP
OUT.

SOME-
THING I
CAN HELP
WITH?

NO. THIS IS
SOMETHING I NEED
TO DO ON MY OWN.
BUT YOU CAN DO
ME A FAVOR...



I NEED YOU TO CHECK ON SAM FOR ME, EVERY HOUR, IF POSSIBLE.

SURE. I JUST STUCK MY HEAD IN--HE'S OUT LIKE A LIGHT.

BUT LET ME ASK YOU SOMETHING-- YOU BEEN WATCHING ANY NEWS?

A LITTLE.

LOOKS LIKE OUR BOY HAS BEEN KEEPING HIMSELF QUITE BUSY.



AND HIS BEHAVIOR, IT'S GETTING MORE ERRATIC.

THAT'S AN UNDER-STATEMENT.

WHAT MAKES YOU SAY THAT?

I MEAN, FOR A GUY TRYING TO FIND HIS PAST--uh ... YOU HEARD ABOUT HIS STORY FROM THE KARLENE PHILLIPS SHOW, RIGHT?

YEAH.

WELL, EITHER HE LIKES THE MEDIA LIMELIGHT OR HE DOESN'T. RIGHT NOW I CAN'T FIGURE OUT WHICH IT IS. ONE SECOND HE'S SOAKING UP THE CAMERA, THE NEXT HE'S RUNNING AWAY FROM EVERYONE HE SEES.

WHAT'S HE SO AFRAID OF?

DON'T KNOW, BUT HE'S NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO RUN FROM ALL THE ATTENTION HE'S ATTRACTING FOR LONG. WE MAY HAVE TO QUESTION HIM AFTER THEY FIND HIM.

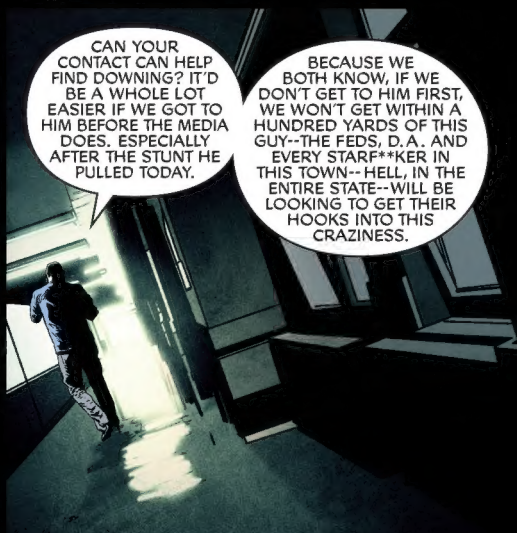
SO--WHAT'S THE PLAN HERE? THOUGHT WE WERE GOING MEET UP-- COMPARE NOTES.



WE WERE--THERE'S SOMETHING I NEEDED TO LOOK INTO FIRST. IT SHOULDN'T--

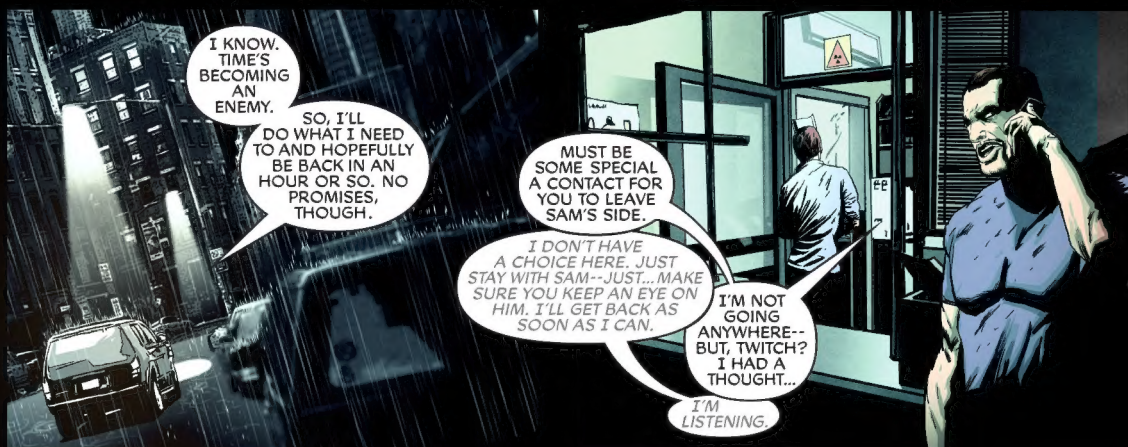
YOU'VE GOT A LEAD?

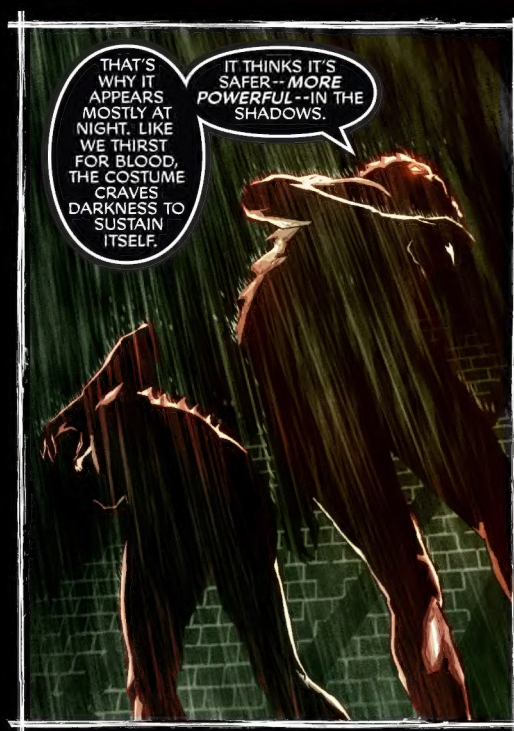
STILL WORKING ON IT. I'M GOING TO VISIT AN OLD CONTACT.



CAN YOUR CONTACT CAN HELP FIND DOWNING? IT'D BE A WHOLE LOT EASIER IF WE GOT TO HIM BEFORE THE MEDIA DOES. ESPECIALLY AFTER THE STUNT HE PULLED TODAY.

BECAUSE WE BOTH KNOW, IF WE DON'T GET TO HIM FIRST, WE WON'T GET WITHIN A HUNDRED YARDS OF THIS GUY--THE FEDS, D.A. AND EVERY STARF**KER IN THIS TOWN--HELL, IN THE ENTIRE STATE--WILL BE LOOKING TO GET THEIR HOOKS INTO THIS CRAZINESS.







BROTHERS...?!!
HELP!!!



THE WALL!
HE GOT SUCKED INTO THE WALL!

NOT THE WALL...
THE SHADOWS!



I DON'T CARE!
I'M GETTING HIM BACK, WHEREVER THEY ARE!

KRASH



STOP!

THE SPAWN
ISN'T HIDING
BEHIND BRICKS. HE'S
MOVING. WATCHING--
TAUNTING US!

SO CONTROL YOUR
EMOTIONS! HE'S TRYING
TO SEPARATE US. WE NEED
TO STAY TOGETHER!
NOT LET HIM PICK US OFF
ONE BY ONE.

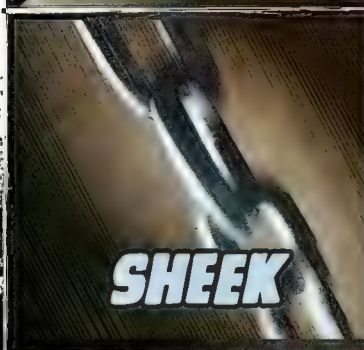
DON'T
GIVE HIM THAT
ADVANTAGE.



HE KNOWS
HE'S STILL OUT-
NUMBERED.



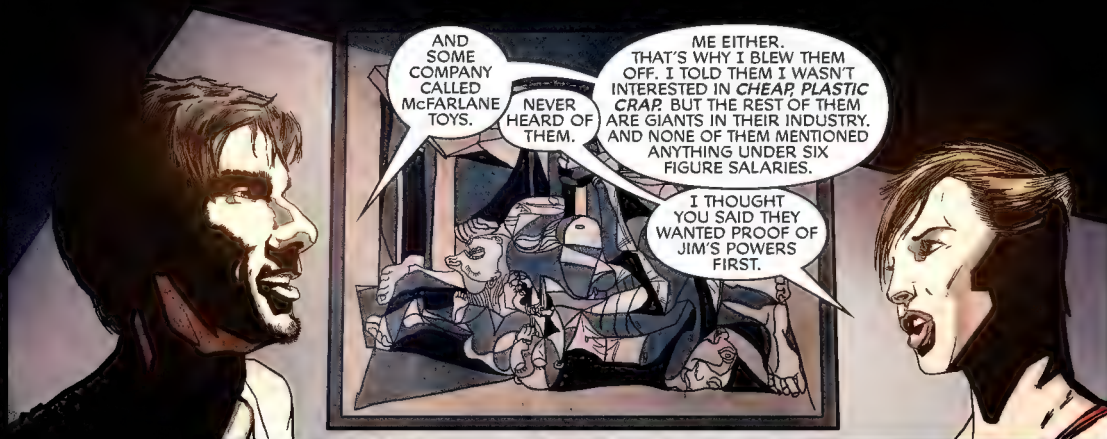
SNIK



SHEEK



CLINK





THEY DO.

THAT'S THE EASY PART. I'M TELLING YOU, BABE, *THIS IS IT!* THIS IS THE BEGINNING OF WHAT WE'VE BOTH BEEN LOOKING FOR. I CAN FEEL IT. CAN'T YOU?

I SUPPOSE. HE DID MAKE YOU HIS NEW AGENT...

MANAGER.

WHAT-EVER. SO I GUESS WE CAN...

HERE, YOU WANT TO TAKE IT?

BZZZZT

THERE'S YOUR PHONE AGAIN.

NO. NO. NO.

I'M BURNT OUT FOR TODAY. JUST LET IT GO TO VOICE MAIL.

SUSAN, LISTEN TO ME--I KNOW I HAVEN'T BEEN PAYING MUCH ATTENTION TO YOU LATELY. I'M SORRY FOR THAT.

MISTER BIG SHOT IS TOO BUSY TO TAKE CALLS... GIVE ME A BREAK!

REALLY.

BUT THIS...!

OPPORTUNITIES LIKE THIS DON'T COME AROUND VERY OFTEN, SO WE NEED TO SEIZE IT! AND I PROMISE, ONCE IT GETS OFF THE GROUND, ONCE JIM SHOWS THE WORLD WHAT HE'S CAPABLE OF, THERE WON'T BE ANY DOORS CLOSED TO US. YOU SAW WHAT HE DID! THEY'RE CALLING HIM A 'SAVIOR.'

YOU NEED TO TRUST ME...

"...I'VE GOT THIS WHOLE
SITUATION COMPLETELY
UNDER CONTROL!"

CLINK CLINKKK SNIK


SK CHINK CLANK

CLINKKK CHINK

CLINK CLINKKK SNIK

CLINK SNIK CHINK

YOU'RE...
PATHETIC!



WHAT'S
THE MATTER?
AFRAID OF
US?

THEN
SHOW
YOURSELF!

WARRIORS
FROM HELL DON'T
HIDE--WE FIGHT! WE
DESTROY! BECAUSE THE
SECOND WE LET OUR GUARD
DOWN--OUR ENEMIES WILL
COME TO DESTROY US!
THAT'S WHY HE
CREATED US!

BOTH
OF US!

BECAUSE WE'RE
THE BASTARDS OF THIS
WAR! WE DEFEND EVERY-
THING BECAUSE WE BELONG
TO NOTHING! WE'RE HALF-
BREEDS THAT WILL ALWAYS BE
REJECTED BY HELL AND EARTH.
MALEBOLGIA NEEDS IT THAT
WAY--KEEPING US DETACHED
FROM EVERYTHING MEANS
THERE'S LESS CHANCE WE'LL
BE CORRUPTED.

AND THAT
VOID IS WHAT FUELS
THE ANGER IN US. THAT'S
WHY WE'LL ALWAYS BE
DANGEROUS TO THEM.
MALEBOLGIA AND HIS
DEVILS KNOW THEIR TIME
WILL COME, AND THAT WE
WILL LORD OVER THEM
SOME DAY.

BUT THERE
CAN ONLY BE
ONE KING!
I PLAN ON IT
BEING ME.



NOW--
SHOW
YOURSELF...
COWARD!



gurk



unff



KRITCH



**SHUT
UP!!**



I'M GETTING SICK AND TIRED OF THIS!

EVERYONE WANTS TO TELL ME WHAT TO DO! WELL, I'M THROUGH WITH THAT. FROM NOW ON, I GIVE THE ORDERS!

I TELL YOU WHAT I WANT!!

hee hee HEE Ha HAAAA

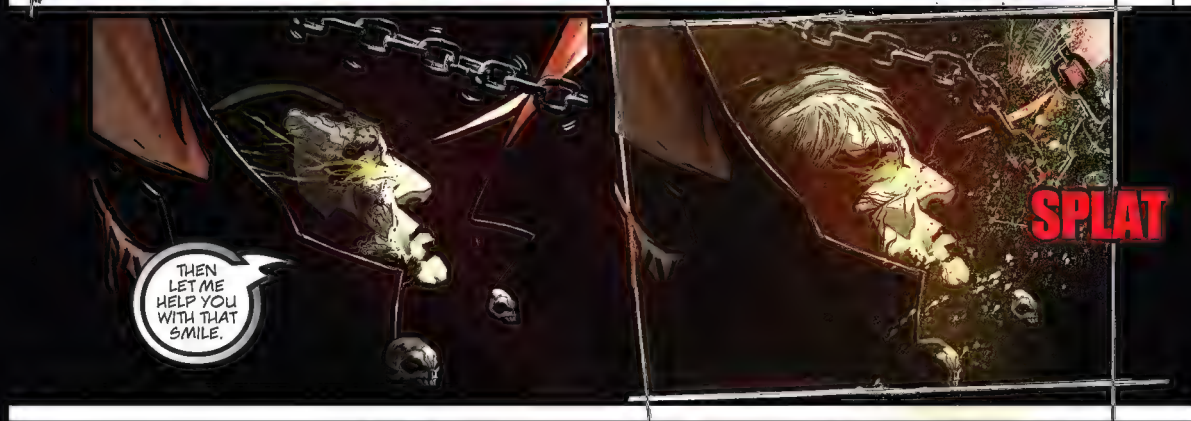
YOU IDIOT! YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW WHY YOU'RE FIGHTING!



YOU THINK I'M SOME KIND OF A JOKE?

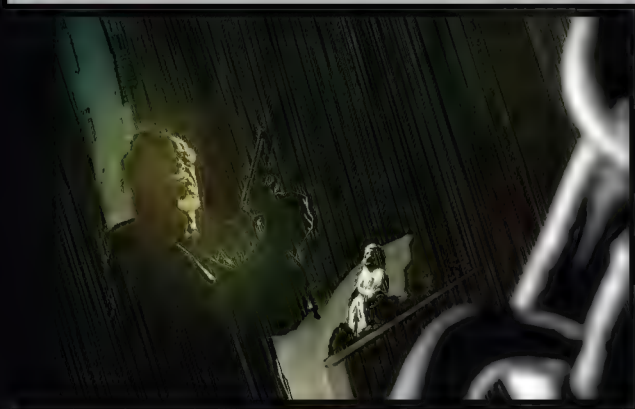
CHINK CLINK

THIS IS FUNNY?



THEN LET ME HELP YOU WITH THAT SMILE.

SPLAT





IS THERE
SOMETHING
WRONG?



AL?



ARE YOU
ANOTHER
VAMPIRE?

WHERE'S
AL?



ANSWER
ME!



I JUST
KILLED THREE
OF YOUR
BUDDIES!



**YOU'RE
UNDER
ARREST!!**

MOVE
AND I'LL BLOW
YOUR HEAD
OFF!

THAT'S
BEEN
TRIED.





Tyrant
Lizard
King

EMPIRE